

Remarks

Favorable reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Claims 1-6, 9, 10, 12, 15, and 20 have been editorially amended to address informalities. None of the amendments is meant to limit the scope of the claims in any manner. Claims 21-24 have been added and are based substantially on claims 9, 10, 12, and 15, respectively. Claims 1-10, 12, 13, and 15-24 remain pending. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested for the following reasons.

35 U.S.C. § 101 Rejections

In the Office Action, claims 1-6, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15, and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 because the claimed invention was directed to non-statutory subject matter. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 1, 9, 10, 12, 15, and 20 have all been amended to recite a data signal "embodied in a carrier wave." Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1, 9, 10, 12, 15, and 20, as well as claims 2-6 and 13 that depend therefrom, are respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 7, 8, and 16-19 were noted as being allowed. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's assistance in identifying allowable subject matter. All claims are now in condition for allowance.

New Claims 21-24

Claims 21-24 are based substantially on claims 9, 10, 12, and 15, respectively, except that claims 21-24 recite a data signal recorded on a computer readable medium. Consideration and allowance of claims 21-24 are respectfully requested.


Conclusion

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 612/332-5300.

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